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Economic Condition of Players
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic economic condition of Kabaddi and Hockey players in the country;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c) : It has not come to notice that the economic condition of Kabaddi and Hockey players in the country in general is in pathetic state. After the launch of Pro Kabaddi League in June, 2014 and its subsequent four seasons, approximately 160 players of the country do earn on an average of Rs. 5.00 lakh for one season.

Similarly, after launch of Hockey India League in 2013, the Indian Hockey Players are getting monetary benefits as well as they are getting opportunity to play with the best foreign players, which enable them to enhance their experience.

The Ministry provides financial incentives in the forms of cash awards and pensions under the "Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches" and the "Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons". The financial assistances to the sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances are also given under the "Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons". All these benefits under these schemes are equally applicable to the sportspersons including the sportspersons of Kabaddi and Hockey subject to the eligibility conditions prescribed in these schemes.

Besides, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with indigenous / traditional games including Kabaddi and Hockey have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines.

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